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Ramdas Palsule Tabla

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Illinois State University
College of Fine Arts
School of Music

Guest Artist Series
Pt. Ronu Majumdar, *Flautist*
Ramdas Palsule, *Tabla*

Center for the Performing Arts

April 24, 2008

Thursday Evening

7:00 p.m.

This is the one hundred and ninety-first program of the 2007-2008 season.

Program

Please turn off cell phones and pagers for the duration of the concert. Thank You.

Selections will be announced.

About the Artist....

Pt. Ronu Majumdar



Pandit Ronu Majumdar, India's Ace flautist, needs no introduction to music lovers all over the globe. By virtue of his phenomenal talent he and the Bansuri are literally synonymous. Ranendranath Majumdar, who is popularly known as Ronu Majumdar, began playing the flute under the guidance of his father Dr. Bhanu Majumdar, Late Pt. Laxman Prasad Jaipurwale and finally under the revered Pt. Vijay Raghav Rao. His versatility with the artistic medium is an inspiration to his numerous followers. A powerhouse performer, Ronu Majumdar is solidly rooted in the Maihar gharana, which has thrown up musicians of the eminence of Pt. Ravi Shankar and Ustad Ali Akbar Khan.

The flute (Bansuri) is considered to be the most ancient and natural musical instrument. The idea of fashioning this instrument occurred while listening to the sweet notes generated by the blowing of wind through the holes carved on the bamboo sticks by pests & insects. For centuries together, the flute was the principal pastoral instrument. It was left to the genius of late Pandit Pannalal Ghosh to elevate it to the status of a concert instrument.

Ronuji's incredible range of achievements includes innumerable performances in the world's most prestigious venues such as The Kremlin, Moscow; The Palais de Beaux Arts, Brussels and so on. Besides this, is the fact that he has also been a major innovator with the medium of New-age Music. With several hit albums which he has appeared on as a composer, among which are A Traveller's Tale, Koi Akela Kahan and the musical track for the Hollywood film 'Primary Colours', Ronuji has created an enviable niche for himself in the field of contemporary popular music which is exemplified by his Grammy Nomination in 1996. His name has been musically associated with international Greats such as Pandit Ravi Shankar, ex-Beatle George Harrison, ace guitarist Ry Cooder and several other legends.

It was a land-marking occasion for him to play in New Zealand's town hall situated in Auckland, as he had honour of being the first flautist to give a concert there. He was also part of Pandit Ravi Shankarji's project "Chants of India".

Ramdas Palsule

Ramdas Palsule is a very familiar name to the worshippers of Hindustani music as an intellectual Tabla Player who has carved a niche for himself at a very young age. Having achieved Bachelor's degree in engineering, Ramdas has been recognized as one of the most senior disciples of World Famous Tabla Maestro Taalyogi Pandit Suresh Talwalkar.

Being an accomplished soloist as well as a versatile accompanist, he has performed widely in all the eminent music festivals of India. Outside India, he has performed practically all over the world including countries like U.S.A., Canada, Germany, Australia, Africa and the Gulf Countries.

His Tabla accompaniment ranges from distinguished vocalists to prominent instrumentalists and also to renowned Kathak dancers of the country. He has accompanied with almost all the top notch musicians & dancers of today.

Besides performances, Ramdas imparts training to the younger generation of students of Tabla. He is also appointed as a Guru in the Center for Performing Arts of the University of Pune.

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Ronuji has recorded a large number of albums, which are available all over the globe.
To name a few: -

- Heart to Heart (Plus Music)
- Reverie (Sony Music)
- Jugalbandi Series (Music Today)
- Song of Nature (Magnasound)
- A Travelers Tale- Fusion (Magnasound).

Some of the Albums composed by Ronuji:

- Koi Akela Kahan (Kavita Krishnamurthy)
- Dhyana (Times Music)
- Ekatman (Times Music)
- Carrying Hope, etc.

Pandit Ronuji Compiled latest Albums – “**Fusion Yatra**” alongwith Mr.Louiz Banks (Times Music), “**A collection of 25 Gayatris**” (Times Music) and “**Nrityanjali**” for Chaitanya Mahaprabhu Dance Drama by Dr. Tushar Guha.

International Releases:

- Fascinoma with Ry Cooder & John Hassles (Water Lily Acoustics)
- In Search of Life with Christian Seiferd (Universal)
- Ethereal Rhythms (Universal)
- and Mysticism on Wood Wind (Magnasound).

He has won most prestigious “**Aditya Vikram Birla Award**” for the year 1999 for his dedication to music. He was also awarded “**Life-Time Achievement Award**” by Sahara India Pariwar on occasion of Jyoti Diwas 2001.

Pandit Ronu Majumdar has been bestowed with the prestigious “**National Kumar Gandharva Award for the year 2005-06**” in the Instrumental Section of Classical Music by Madhya Pradesh Government's Sanskrati Sanchalanalaya, Bhopal.

Pandit Ronu Majumdar has composed music for India's first I-Max film “**Mystic India**”.

RAMDAS PALSULE

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